

U.S. Department of Justice

Michael J. Sullivan United States Attorney District of Massachusetts

Main Reception: (617) 748-3100

John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse 1 Courthouse Way Suite 9200 Boston, Massachusetts 02210

August 29, 2006

Richard M. Egbert, Esq. 99 Summer Street Suite 1800 Boston, MA 02110

Joseph J. Balliro, Esq. Balliro & Mondano 99 Summer Street Suite 1800 Boston, MA 02110

E. Peter Parker, Esq. 151 Merrimac Street Boston, MA 02114

Re: United States v. Hana F. Al Jader Criminal No. 05-10085-RCL

Dear Counsel:

This letter sets forth the Agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Hana F. Al Jader ("Defendant"), in the above-captioned case. The Agreement is as follows:

1. Change of Plea

At the earliest practicable date, Defendant shall plead guilty to Counts 7, 8, 9, 10 of the above-captioned Indictment. Defendant expressly and unequivocally admits that she in fact knowingly, intentionally and willfully committed the crimes charged in Counts 7, 8, 9, 10 of the Indictment, and is in fact guilty of those offenses. The U.S. Attorney agrees to dismiss Counts 1,

2, 3, 4, 5, 6 of the pending Indictment in the above-captioned case following the imposition of sentence.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: On each of Counts 7 and 8, the maximum punishment is 10 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment; on each of Counts 9 and 10, 10 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, \$100 special assessment, and forfeitures to the extent alleged in the Indictment.

Defendant may also be deportable and/or excludable by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a consequence of her conviction of the offenses to which she is pleading guilty.

3. Sentencing Guidelines

The sentence to be imposed upon Defendant is within the discretion of the sentencing Court, subject to the statutory maximum penalties set forth above, and the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act and the United States Sentencing Guidelines promulgated thereunder, as modified by <u>United States v. Booker</u> and <u>United States v. Fanfan</u>, 125 S.Ct. 738, 2005 WL 50108 (January 12, 2005). In imposing the sentence, the Court must consult and take into account the United States Sentencing Guidelines, along with the other factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

The parties agree to take the following positions at sentencing with respect to the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines:

- a. For Counts 7 and 8, the applicable Guideline section for each count is §2L2.1 with a Base Offense Level of 11. No specific offense characteristics apply.
- b. For Counts 9 and 10, the applicable Guideline section is §2L1.1 with a Base Offense Level of 12. No specific offense characteristics apply.
- c. Pursuant to §3D1.2(d), all Counts are grouped together as closely related counts. The Combined Offense Level is 12.

In the event Defendant advances any departure argument(s), the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to oppose any such argument.

Based on Defendant's prompt acceptance of personal responsibility for the offenses of

conviction in this case, and information known to the U.S. Attorney at this time, the U.S. Attorney agrees to recommend that the Court reduce by three levels Defendant's Adjusted Offense Level under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1. Thus, the total offense level is 10 and the corresponding United States Sentencing Guideline range is 6-12 months.

The U.S. Attorney specifically reserves the right not to recommend a reduction under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 if, at any time between her execution of this Agreement and sentencing Defendant:

- (a) Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea;
- (b) Fails to truthfully admit her conduct in the offenses of conviction;
- (c) Falsely denies, or frivolously contests, relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (d) Fails to provide truthful information about her financial status;
- (e) Gives false or misleading testimony in any proceeding relating to the criminal conduct charged in this case and any relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (f) Engages in acts which form a basis for finding that Defendant has obstructed or impeded the administration of justice under U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1;
- (g) Intentionally fails to appear in Court or violates any condition of release;
- (h) Commits a crime;
- (I) Transfers any asset protected under any provision of this Agreement; and/or
- (j) Attempts to withdraw her guilty plea.

Defendant expressly understands that she may not withdraw her plea of guilty if, for any of the reasons listed above, the U.S. Attorney does not recommend that she receive a reduction in Offense Level for acceptance of responsibility.

Defendant expressly understands that, in addition to declining to recommend an acceptance-of-responsibility adjustment, the Government may seek an upward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1 if Defendant obstructs justice after the date of this Agreement.

4. Sentence Recommendation

The United States Attorney and Defendant agree to jointly recommend the following terms of sentencing before the District Court:

- (a) A fine in the amount of \$40,000;
- (b) Restitution to Rohimah Bt Lili Bakri and Trimurniyati Bt Sukadi Dzalipa in the amount of \$98,486 each; restitution to Veronica Pedroza in the amount of \$10,000;
- (c) Forfeiture as set forth below in paragraph 10;
- (d) A mandatory special assessment of \$400;
- (e) A stipulated Order of Deportation.

The United States Attorney will recommend 12 months imprisonment.

Defendant is free to recommend any term or manner of serving a sentence.

Defendant agrees that she will provide to the U.S. Attorney expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation of any kind on which she intends to rely at sentencing not later than twenty-one days before sentencing. Any basis for sentencing with respect to which all expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation have not been provided to the U.S. Attorney at least twenty-one days before sentencing shall be deemed waived.

In the event of an appeal from, or collateral challenge to, Defendant's sentence, the U.S. Attorney reserves his right to argue the correctness of Defendant's sentence and the manner in which the District Court determines it.

5. Payment of Mandatory Special Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment to the Clerk of the Court on or before the date of sentencing, unless Defendant establishes to the satisfaction of the Court that Defendant is financially unable to do so.

6. Protection of Assets for Payment of Restitution, Forfeiture and Fine

Defendant agrees not to transfer, or authorize the transfer of, any asset which has been restrained by Order of the Court in this case or any asset, whether or not restrained, which Defendant has agreed to forfeit pursuant to this Agreement.

Defendant agrees not to transfer, or authorize the transfer of, any other asset in which she has an interest without prior express written consent of the U.S. Attorney.

This prohibition shall be effective as of the date of Defendant's execution of this Agreement and continue until the fine, forfeiture and/or restitution ordered by the Court at sentencing are satisfied in full.

Defendant further agrees that, prior to sentencing, she will truthfully and accurately complete the sworn financial statement enclosed with this Agreement.

7. Waiver of Rights to Appeal and to Bring Collateral Challenge

Defendant is aware that she has the right to challenge her sentence and guilty plea on direct appeal. Defendant is also aware that she may, in some circumstances, be able to argue that her plea should be set aside, or her sentence set aside or reduced, in a collateral challenge (such as pursuant to a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255).

In consideration of the concessions made by the U.S. Attorney in this Agreement, Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to appeal or collaterally challenge:

- (1) Defendant's guilty plea and any other aspect of Defendant's conviction, including, but not limited to, any rulings on pretrial suppression motions or any other pretrial dispositions of motions and issues; and
- (2) The imposition by the District Court of a sentence which does not exceed that being recommended by the U.S. Attorney pursuant to this agreement.

Defendant's waiver of rights to appeal and to bring collateral challenges shall not apply to appeals or challenges based on new legal principles in First Circuit or Supreme Court cases decided after the date of this Agreement which are held by the First Circuit or Supreme Court to have retroactive effect.

Defendant's waiver also shall not extend to an appeal or collateral challenge based solely on the argument that the District Court misunderstood the scope of its authority to depart from the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, where the District Court states on the record at sentencing both its desire to depart and the basis on which it would depart if it had the legal authority to do so.

This Agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the U.S. Attorney therefore retains his appeal rights.

8. Waiver of Hyde Amendment Claim

Defendant is aware that 111 Stat. 2440, 2520 (1997), the so-called "Hyde Amendment," authorizes courts in criminal cases to award to certain prevailing defendants attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses. In exchange for concessions made by the U.S. Attorney in this Agreement, Defendant voluntarily and knowingly waives any claim that she might assert under this statute based in whole or in part on the U.S. Attorney's agreement in paragraph 1 to dismiss Counts 1 through 6 of the pending Indictment.

9. Court Not Bound By Agreement

The sentencing recommendations made by the parties and their respective calculations under the Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge. Within the maximum sentence which Defendant faces under the applicable law, the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge. Defendant's plea will be tendered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B). Defendant may not withdraw her plea of guilty regardless of what sentence is imposed. Nor may Defendant withdraw her plea because the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the parties. In the event that the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to defend the sentencing judge's calculations and sentence in any subsequent appeal or collateral challenge.

10. Forfeiture

Defendant will forfeit to the United States any and all assets subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 982(a) as a result of her guilty plea. The assets to be forfeited specifically include, without limitation, the following:

The real property located at 339 Mystic Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, more specifically described in the deed recorded on September 26, 2003, in the South Middlesex County registry of deeds, book 41030, page 479

Defendant admits that these assets are subject to forfeiture on the grounds that they are property used, or intended to be used, to commit or facilitate the commission of the crimes charged in Counts 9 and 10 of the indictment. Defendant therefore consents to the forfeiture of all of Defendant's interests in all such forfeitable assets to the United States. The forfeitures may be carried out criminally, civilly, or administratively in the government's discretion.

Defendant agrees to assist law enforcement agents and government attorneys in locating, liquidating, recovering, returning to the United States, and forfeiting all forfeitable assets, wherever located, and in whatever names the assets may be held. Defendant shall promptly take whatever steps are deemed necessary by the U.S. Attorney to transfer possession of, and clear

title to, all forfeitable assets to the United States. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, executing and surrendering all title documents, and signing consent decrees of forfeiture, deeds, sworn statements relating the factual bases for forfeiture, and any other documents deemed necessary by the government to complete the criminal, civil, or administrative forfeiture proceedings which may be brought against the assets identified in this section and against any other forfeitable assets involved in or related to any of the criminal acts charged in the Indictment.

The Defendant further agrees to consent to the entry of orders of forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant acknowledges that she understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the sentence that may be imposed in this case and waives any failure by the court to advise her of this, pursuant to Rule 11(b)(1)(J), at the time her guilty plea is accepted.

In addition to all other waivers or releases set forth in this Agreement, Defendant hereby waives any and all claims arising from or relating to the forfeitures set forth in this section, including, without limitation, any claims arising under the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment, or the Excessive Fines Clause of the Eighth Amendment, to the United States Constitution, or any other provision of state or federal law.

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.

11. <u>Information For Presentence Report</u>

Defendant agrees to provide all information requested by the U.S. Probation Office concerning her assets.

12. <u>Civil Liability</u>

By entering into this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney does not compromise any civil liability, including but not limited to any tax liability, which Defendant may have incurred or may incur as a result of her conduct and her plea of guilty to the charges specified in paragraph one of this Agreement.

13. Rejection of Plea By Court

Should Defendant's guilty plea not be accepted by the Court for whatever reason, or later be withdrawn on motion of Defendant, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of the U.S. Attorney.

14. Breach of Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines, prior to the execution of all provisions of this Agreement, that Defendant has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement, has violated any condition of her pretrial release, or has committed any crime following her execution of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney may, at his sole option, be released from his commitments under this Agreement in their entirety by notifying Defendant, through counsel or otherwise, in writing. The U.S. Attorney may also pursue all remedies available to him under the law, irrespective of whether he elects to be released from his commitments under this Agreement. Further, the U.S. Attorney may pursue any and all charges which have been, or are to be, dismissed pursuant to this Agreement. Defendant recognizes that no such breach by her of an obligation under this Agreement shall give rise to grounds for withdrawal of her guilty plea. Defendant understands that, should she breach any provision of this agreement, the U.S. Attorney will have the right to use against Defendant before any grand jury, at any trial or hearing, or for sentencing purposes, any statements which may be made by her, and any information, materials, documents or objects which may be provided by her to the government subsequent to this Agreement, without any limitation. In this regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which she might otherwise have under any statute of limitations or the Speedy Trial Act.

15. Who Is Bound By Agreement

This Agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and the Attorney General of the United States and does not bind any other federal, state or local prosecutive authorities.

16. Complete Agreement

This letter contains the complete and only agreement between the parties. No promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this letter. This Agreement supersedes prior understandings, if any, of the parties, whether written or oral. This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the Agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below

as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney S. Theodore Merritt.

Very trally fours,

//WW

MICHAEL K. LOUCKS First Assistant U.S. Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter. I understand the crimes to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for those offenses and Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to them. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Plea Agreement and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly because I am guilty of the offenses to which I am pleading guilty and I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.

HANA F. AL JADER

Defendant

Date: 10 30 06

I certify that Hana F. Al Jader has read this Agreement and that we have discussed its meaning. I believe she understands the Agreement and is entering into the Agreement freely, voluntarily and knowingly.

ttorney for Defendant

Date: 10/30/06